IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 11, as follows:

As can be seen from the drawing, an overshoot and undershoot occur in edge portions of a circuit pattern and a speckle pattern occurs when a circuit pattern is illuminated by a laser beam and its image is taken in such that ~~a~~ σ of the illumination is small. In other words, this can result from the fact that illumination is not performed from various angles in the field of view on the sample under the objective lens. ~~on~~ On the contrary, in a normal white light illumination, illumination having a certain size of its image on the pupil is produced, and illumination is produced in the field of view on the sample from all directions at an angle comparable to the NA (the numerical aperture) of the objective lens.